

DELEGATE ROBIE: I am sorry, I did not know I was on the schedule, but I can speak for the one idea that has kept me hoping for some mention of school boards on the local level.

When I came here, I was entirely against the idea of saying anything about local school boards in the constitution. I felt that this was not the place for it, but when I saw the fight that is developing in this State with the declaration of the county commissioners saying that they should control the school boards, that they should be allowed to appoint the school boards, this is when I got on the band wagon and for that reason only was I willing to go along with some of the wording here.

I do have an amendment to this section and I understand that the time to offer that is at the end of the debate. Is this right, Mr. President?

THE CHAIRMAN: If the amendment now before us carries, the section would be deleted and, of course, it would not then be subject to amendment. You could offer an amendment to restore a section with some change.

DELEGATE ROBIE: If this is still here, I would like to delete the words, "or the existing physical authority of such board".

I hate to agree with Delegate Hanson because so often we are on different sides of the fence, but I have been to states where they are really having trouble trying to pass school bonds and this is something that we do not want in Maryland. It is one of the things that we do not have as a problem and I do not believe that we want that, but we certainly need some recognition of how school boards will be appointed so that they will not fall into the hands of the governing officials on the local board either.

I would say that it is very valuable, this balance of having a board of education looking only at the needs of schools and then going to the commissioners and asking them for the money and then working out this budget together.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: Mr. Chairman, how much time is there remaining?

THE CHAIRMAN: You have seven minutes.

DELEGATE LORD: I will yield all but one of those minutes and can I reserve that?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: I would like to yield at this time four minutes to Delegate Willis.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Willis.

DELEGATE WILLIS: Mr. Chairman, I put in an Amendment B which I would like to call up at this time if possible because I think it has some bearing on this matter before we vote on the amendment before us.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is an amendment to what?

DELEGATE WILLIS: An amendment to this section that we are discussing.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not believe that would be in order at this time. It could be offered as a substitute later. The amendment now before you is to delete the entire section.

Delegate Willis.

DELEGATE WILLIS: I tried to get the floor to get this up earlier but this can be considered, then, after the other amendment is voted; if it is voted down this can still be considered.

THE CHAIRMAN: If Amendment No. 5 is rejected and the section is still open to amendment—is that your idea?

DELEGATE WILLIS: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is true.

DELEGATE WILLIS: I have an amendment that I would like to have at that time. At the present time, then, I suppose I would have to speak against the amendment to strike the section.

I am probably the one in the chamber, best qualified to speak on local boards of education. I have worked under such boards for the last twenty-three years, and I have had a great deal of experience with them. I think the best method of selecting boards in Maryland is good.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Willis, I think the Chair was in error in announcing both to you and Delegate Robie that the section was not subject to amendment now inasmuch as the present amendment would strike out the entire section. The secondary